## Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers Induction Ceremony Friday, December 1, 2000 12:00 noon

MS Univ. for Women - Hogarth Student Center Banquet Room

## **Talking Points**

- Good Afternoon
- It is a pleasure to be here today with a wonderful group of people, a wonderful group of hard working Teachers
- You are the people who help make a positive difference in the lives of Mississippi's people.
- The teaching profession is a key component to success of the State of Mississippi
  - Strong economic development begins with a strong education
  - o That strong education begins in K-12
- I want to commend ALL teachers for the hard work and contributions you make to this state.
  - o Mississippi's teachers deserve our support

(Discuss teacher pay raise passed last spring)

- It will take all Mississippians working together to make Mississippi an even better place to live and work
- You are doing your part
- Strong leaders, like yourself, provide a positive role model for everyone, not just our young people
- A better Quality of Life for everyone depends on the joint efforts of everyone who cares to make a difference.
- You are providing our children with a quality education. You are training them for a bright future in Mississippi.
- I commend you for your excellent job.
- The Community benefits & The State benefits
- It's a Win Win situation
- The future is bright

• Thank you to all Teachers. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.